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22,
Montreal, 22nd January 1863.

My Dear Madam—

We shall soon commence the third year of that most atrocious civil war in the ^{United States} U. S. which has astonished the world. Hatched in selfishness and treason by those who, at that time, had chiefly the management of affairs, and assisted probably in their plans by the person then at the head of the Union, they were enabled to begin it, after having reduced the Government to a state of comparative weakness. Then, expecting by a coup-de-main to induce a recognition of the rebellious movement by foreign powers, and their object seemed attained. But to obtain recognition of the new dominion, deeper reflection among statesmen seems to have been necessary. In the words of Professor Newman, in his masterly reply to Mr Gladstone, "When a power, comparable only to Thugs, ~~and~~ Buccaneers, and Cannibals, tries to thrust its hideous head among nations, and claims the protection and privileges of international law, — a power which

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"rose against the freest rule on earth, for
"the avowed motive of propagating the worst
"form of slavery ever known; — having no
"legitimate complaint, or if it had, certainly
"trying no constitutional means of redress, but
"plunging at once into arms, and that, when
"the arsenals had been emptied and the
"fortresses seized by the treason of office-
"holders; — I hold it to be an offense against
"law, order, and public morality, for a statesman,
"whose words carry weight, to speak at all of
"such a power without declaring ~~that~~ abhorrence
"of it."

~~##~~ I think it would be too much
for me to attempt to carry my four-score years
several hundred miles, at this cold season, to
the meeting of the National Anti-Slavery
Subscription Anniversary; but as I abhor treason,
love liberty, and desire peace, I send my
contribution, by Draft of the Bank of Montreal
on the Merchants' Bank of Boston, for four
hundred dollars, which I have indorsed in
your favor. I am sorry to give you so much trouble
in this business, but was happy to see your name at
the head of the ladies' list; and you have kindly assisted me
on former occasions, for which I am, in great truth,
Your sincere and faithful friend,

Saml Gale.

Mrs. Lydia Maria Child.

[print name as above - Saml.]